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BAGGED A BUNCH OF THIEVES

**Car Breakers and Burglars are
Caught In Net.**

BENITO BACA THE DETECTIVE

For some time past Donald Stewart, manager for the firm of Gross Kelly & Co., has been on the look out to catch some fellows who have been stealing from the store and warehouse. Various things have been missed at different times, flour, shoes, whisky etc. Last Saturday he asked Benito Baca, a stockholder in the business and who is in charge of the warehouse to lay in hiding after the closing hour and watch for whatever might be seen going on around the store and warehouse. Baca hid himself away among the bales of pelts on the warehouse platform to await results. Soon after the beginning of his vigil he noticed a party of four Mexicans approach the warehouse, one of them, Lorenzo Sierra, an employee of the Gross Kelly Co., and under Baca in the warehouse. The party continued on to where there are a number of bales of sheep pelts on the warehouse platform and here the leader, Lorenzo Sierra, began loading his associates with the various articles of merchandise he had previously hid away. Among the list was flour, lard, whisky, shoes, wagon sheets, etc. Baca let them load and start away and then left his hiding place and held the whole bunch up with a club. Baca unloaded the caravan post haste and informed the gentlemen he would see them later. In a few minutes afterwards he notified sheriff Street and marshal Ward and three of the number were found and landed in the bastille immediately and the fourth, Manuel Blea, made his escape and has not been heard from since he left the warehouse platform.

Gross, Kelly & Co. will prosecute these criminals for larceny of goods and the Railway Co. will prosecute them for breaking into cars which were on the track at Gross, Kelly warehouse and from which some of the goods found in their possession were taken. Q. Saddler, special officer for the R. I. Ry. Co. at Dalhart, was notified and arrived here Wednesday to represent the Ry. Co.

This capture it is hoped by Tucumcari business men, will check the hitherto promiscuous stealing and breaking into cars that has been going on here for months.

Baby caps 10c to \$1.25. T. A. Muirhead & Co's.

Thomas P. Lambricht, a Tucumcari old timer, who was here in the pioneer days, returned Wednesday and will spend some time looking up old acquaintances.

W. N. Moore and his neighbor Tarpley were in town several days from the Moore postoffice. Mr. Moore is making money on his farm which is one of the best in that section of the country.

M. B. Goldenberg is expected this week from Hutchinson, Kan., where he is feeding sheep this winter. S. G. Buck will take charge of the sheep for him.

We notice some important improvements at the M. B. Goldenberg store this week. Among them is a phone in the grocery department which is connected with the warehouse. They are bordering onto the department store plan too, having different managements for the drygoods, grocery and hardware departments.

Rev. G. W. Bogle, Methodist M. E. minister, has arrived from Hastings, Okla., and has taken up the work of the former "Sky Pilot" who is looking for a "more warm climate."

THE HARDWICK MURDER CASE.

The preliminary trial of Samuel W. Hardwick was concluded last Saturday afternoon before justice of the peace, E. F. Saxon. Hon. J. E. Wharton of Alamogordo, New Mexico, who has the reputation of being one of the ablest trial lawyers in the territory, was employed by relatives of John Lawson, the City Marshal of Tucumcari who was killed by Hardwick, to conduct the prosecution, being assisted by F. C. Matteson. District Attorney Mechem being otherwise occupied, did not participate in the trial. The defense was ably conducted by Judge Sherry of Alamogordo assisted by Messrs. Alldredge, Hittson and Boone of Tucumcari. Many witnesses were examined on both sides and the case fully argued and submitted to the court who after a short summing up of the facts as shown by the evidence, held the defendant to await the action of the grand jury without bail.

We understand the attorneys for the defense intend suing out a writ of habeas corpus and will take the matter before the District Judge in an effort to obtain bail for their client. This is the usual course in such cases, but whether they will accomplish any thing by so doing remains to be seen. This promises to be the most interesting case yet tried in Tucumcari and will be watched with considerable interest. We refrain from publishing the testimony as so doing disqualifies many persons from jury duty and renders the work of the courts more difficult and expensive in trying such cases.

Nara Visa Trust and Savings Bank

The Nara Visa Trust & Savings Bank is a new institution that has been made necessary by the general development of this locality. A few months ago Willard Belknap came into this office and asked the management if this paper could print him a pamphlet describing the Nara Visa country. The book was printed, 3000 copies, and delivered to him in about 20 days. He sent it out over the country and now he is reaping the harvest from a little judicious advertising. The country is settling up rapidly, and now stores, a lumber yard, bank, etc. are there and it is getting to be a busy place.

W. F. Buchanan, president of the Tucumcari First National, is the president of the new enterprise. John Burns is vice-president and Jas. R. Daughtry cashier. The institution opened its doors for business Monday morning.

Automobile Line Contemplated

We are informed from a reliable source that an automobile line from Tucumcari to Amarillo is now in the embryo and will be carefully cared for until it hatches into a company which will push the enterprise vigorously. Tucumcari capital is interested in it largely. It is an easy matter for our business men to see the necessity of the line and they are all anxious to see the it in operation. The trip can be made easy in a day from Amarillo and at less expense than by rail, and the layover at Dalhart is a thing that everybody wants to miss.

W. H. Morgan, who has been looking after business interests in Texas for the past two months returned Wednesday morning and will not return to Texas before next spring. Mr. Morgan says he has not yet seen a town that equals this one for business opportunities.

UNCANNY DISCOVERY

**Former Citizen Finds a Human
Ear in His Pocket Christmas Morning.**

Christmas morning Julius Appel, of Springer, well known in Roy incidentally placed his hand in his pocket and in one of them felt something soft and cold and on drawing it forth discovered to his horror that it was a human ear. He at once took the piece of human flesh to a local physician, who, upon examination said that the member had been cut off close to the head and that the person from whom it was severed had been dead not more than ten days.

Mr. Appel is at a loss to account for the ear being in his pocket or for the motive, but whether the affair was meant for a joke or has a serious aspect, as many believe, everything possible will be done to solve the mystery.—Roy-Spanish-American.

T. J. Clark, Southwestern immigration agent, R. I. Ry. Co., was in the city a day or two.

John Wells, president of the First National Mining Co. at Ora Grande, Otero County, has been in town several days this week and has purchased considerable real estate.

The Street & Baker livery stable front has arrived and the building is rapidly nearing completion.

Rogers "1847" silver knives and forks as well as the cheaper ones at T. A. Muirhead & Co's.

The Elk Drug Store, a business equipped to handle every branch of the drug line was opened in the A. R. Carter building, bank block, this week. Tucumcari continues to grow. Look for the ad of this new business.

Linoleums and Carpets sold from sample. Save one-half to two-thirds of retailers profit and have larger lines to select from. T. A. Muirhead & Co's.

The Tucumcari First National Bank was this week added to the list of depositories for territorial funds. This is a big boost for our local banking interests. Hurrah for Tucumcari! Long may she wave!

Outwears a carpet, mops like linoleum; far prettier and more practical than either—the new fibre Art Squares at T. A. Muirhead & Co's.

Towels, table linen and napkins at bargain prices at T. A. Muirhead & Co's.